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In re Application of

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For: Method and Apparatus for Concatenated
Convolutional Encoding and Interleaving

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0001] and follows:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/433,861, filed November 4, 1999, and a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/688,824, filed October 17, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/318,938, filed May 26, 1999, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,154,452.

Please delete paragraph [0050].